and vegetable, flour milling and milk processing sectors in the State of Jharkhand.

The Ministry of Food Processing Industries constituted a Task Force for the State of Jharkhand under the Chairmanship of Secretary (Industries), Government of Jharkhand. The Task Force specifically mandated to evolve strategies for development of Food Processing Industries in the State.

EDUSAT for training of teachers

2115. DR. K. KASTURIRANGAN: Will the Minister of HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT be pleased to state:

(a) whether the country's educational satellite, EDUSAT, is being used for the training of teachers concerned with our primary, secondary and higher secondary education;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the plans for expanding the teachers' training programme with EDUSAT in the next two years; and

(d) the details of States in the country which are not covered by this programme and the plans of Government to bring them also under this training programme in the near future?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HUMAN RESOURCE DEVELOPMENT (SHRIMATI D. PURANDESWARI): (a) to (c) Yes, Sir. EDUSAT is being used by the institutions like Indira Gandhi National Open University (IGNOU), National Council for Educational Research and Training (NCERT), etc., for training and orientation of teachers on the use of new text books developed by NCERT. IGNOU has informed of its plan to expand the coverage of EDUSAT facility for training of larger number of teachers.

(d) As per the information provided by ISRO, the 14 States/UTs namely Tamil Nadu, Haryana, Punjab, Rajasthan, Lakshadeep, Sikkim, M.P., Kerala, Maharashtra, Orissa, U.P., Gujarat, Chandigarh, Meghalaya have signed Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), which is a pre-requisite for installation of equipments for utilizing the EDUSAT facility. The remaining States have been persuaded to sign the MoU.